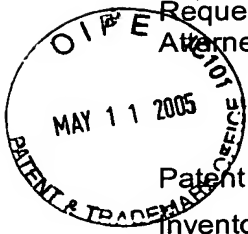


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Sir:

In accordance with 35 U.S.C. §254, we attach hereto Form PTO/SB/44 and a copy of proof of PTO errors and request that a Certificate of Correction be issued in the above-identified patent. The following errors appear in the patent as printed:

Column 10, Line 41, Claim 1, "a cooling air" should read -- cooling air --
(See Amendment of 10/06/2003, page 4, Claim 1, line 7.)

Column 10, Line 41, Claim 1, "openings formed" should read
-- openings each formed --
(See Amendment of 10/06/2003, page 4, Claim 1, line 7.)

Column 10, Line 57, Claim 3, "between said" should read -- between each of said --
(See Amendment of 10/06/2003, page 4, Claim 3, line 2.)

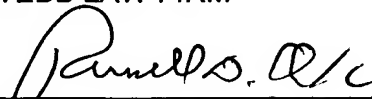
Column 11, Line 8, Claim 7, "wall disposed" should read -- wall is disposed --
(See Amendment of 10/06/2003, page 5, Claim 8, line 2. Claim 8 issued as Claim 7.)

Column 11, Line 16, Claim 9, "wherein said" should read -- wherein each of said --
(See Amendment of 10/06/2003, page 5, Claim 10, lines 1-2.
Claim 10 issued as Claim 9.)

Respectfully submitted,

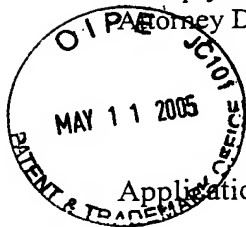
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of June 4, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 9 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet and an annotated copy of the original sheet showing changes.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.

A one-month Petition for Extension of Time is submitted herewith.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on October 6, 2003.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) An engine enclosure for use on a vehicle having a cooling system for a vertical shaft type engine with a cooling air intake fan disposed above the engine, said engine enclosure comprising:

an upper hood for covering said engine from above, said upper hood having an upper surface and right and left side surfaces extending downward from said upper surface;

a lower hood for covering lateral areas of said engine; and

a cooling air intake ~~opening~~ openings each formed in a position above a lower end of ~~at least one of~~ respective said right and left side surfaces of said upper hood for taking in ambient air,

wherein at least one barrier wall is disposed near each of said cooling air intake openings and between said cooling air intake openings, and so that one of said cooling air intake openings is invisible to another of said cooling air intake openings, and vice versa.

2. (Original) An engine enclosure as defined in claim 1, further comprising a fan cover for covering an upper portion of said engine including said fan and having an air passage for permitting inflow of cooling air to said fan, the lower end of said upper hood being located above a lower end of said fan cover.

3. (Currently Amended) An engine enclosure as defined in claim 1, further comprising a partition wall member disposed between each of said cooling air intake ~~opening~~ openings and said cooling air intake fan for restricting mixing of ambient air drawn by said fan and heat generating from said engine.

4. (Original) An engine enclosure as defined in claim 3, wherein said partition wall member defines a duct for guiding the ambient air to said fan.

5. (Original) An engine enclosure as defined in claim 3, wherein said partition wall member and said upper surface of said upper hood define a duct structure for guiding the ambient air to said fan.

6. (Original) An engine enclosure as defined in claim 3, wherein said partition wall member is attached to said upper hood, said upper hood being displaceable between a closed position adjacent said lower hood and an open position, said fan being exposed when said upper hood is in said open position.

7. (Canceled)

~~8.~~ ⁽⁷⁾ (Currently Amended) An engine enclosure as defined in claim 1, ~~further comprising a~~ wherein said barrier wall is disposed between said cooling air intake opening openings and said fan for restraining said ambient air taken in through said cooling air intake opening openings from directly reaching said fan.

~~9.~~ ⁽⁸⁾ (Currently Amended) An engine enclosure as defined in claim 2, wherein each of said cooling air intake opening openings has a lower end thereof located above an upper end of said fan cover covering said fan.

~~10.~~ ⁽⁹⁾ (Currently Amended) An engine enclosure as defined in claim 2, wherein each of said cooling air intake opening openings has a forward end thereof located forwardly from a suction port of said fan, and a rear end located in a position corresponding to or rearwardly of said air passage of said fan cover, said cooling air intake opening being open continuously from said forward end to said rear end.

~~11.~~ ⁽¹⁰⁾ (Original) An engine enclosure as defined in claim 3, wherein said partition wall member is fixed to said side surfaces of said upper hood.

~~12.~~ ⁽¹¹⁾ (Currently Amended) An engine cooling system for use on a lawn mower having a vertical shaft type engine with a cooling air intake fan disposed above the engine, comprising: